

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 519
By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend John Kinnard "J.K." Langsdon, Jr., for honorable service to the people of Tennessee, and to congratulate him upon being named 2003 Honoree of the Annual Columbia Rotary Golf Tournament.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, John Kinnard "J.K." Langsdon, Jr. is one such praiseworthy person, who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Langsdon was recently named the 2003 Honoree of the Annual Columbia Rotary Golf Tournament, to be held May 5, 2003; and

WHEREAS, a native of Columbia, J.K. Langsdon currently serves as Chief Executive Officer of Columbia Machine Works; and

WHEREAS, he was born in Maury County to the late Ree Coleman and John Kinnard Langsdon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Langsdon attended Maury County Public Schools, and he graduated as Valedictorian of Columbia Central High School in 1951; and

WHEREAS, he received a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Chemical Engineering from Vanderbilt University in 1955, and he pursued postgraduate work at the University of Washington at Seattle, which he attended on a fellowship from the Atomic Energy Commission; and

WHEREAS, after working for the DuPont Company, the Monsanto Company, and the Union Carbide Nuclear Company, J.K. Langsdon returned to Columbia to join his father at Columbia Machine Works, a family business that was started in 1927 by his father; and

WHEREAS, at Columbia Machine Works, Mr. Langsdon has always been a counselor and friend to his workers and a mentor to his two sons who joined him in this family business; and

WHEREAS, not content to leave his most important work in the office, he has been a member of a number of professional organizations, including the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and the National Tool and Machining Association; and

WHEREAS, he also served as a teacher at Columbia Central High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Langsdon is a valuable and highly respected member of the Maury County community, and he has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Langsdon has been very active in the Boy Scouts of America; at the age of fourteen, he achieved the rank of Eagle, and he has since served as Scoutmaster and in a number of other leadership positions; and

WHEREAS, as Scoutmaster of Troops 114 and 103, he has helped countless boys to develop the character and skills to become productive citizens; he has helped numerous young men to achieve the rank of Eagle, three of whom were his own sons; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Langsdon has served as District Commissioner of the Duck River District for 25 years, and he currently serves as a member of the Executive Board of the Middle Tennessee Council; and

WHEREAS, because of his selfless service to the Boy Scouts of America for over forty years, Mr. Langsdon has received the Long Rifle District Award and the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award that can be given by the Middle Tennessee Council to a Scout leader; and

WHEREAS, J.K. Langsdon is a member of the Maury Alliance, where he has served as Secretary/Treasurer, was recognized as Salesman of the Year on several occasions, and received the President's Award as Volunteer of the Year in 1994; and

WHEREAS, he joined the Columbia Rotary Club in 1960, and has had perfect attendance in the club for over 38 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Langsdon has served the Rotary Club on the Board of Directors as President, as Vocational Service Chairman of District 6760 Rotary International, as District 6760 Parliamentarian, and as District 6760 Song Leader Rotary International; and

WHEREAS, for his outstanding service, he was named Outstanding Rotarian, received the Paul Harris Fellow Award, and was honored as the High Salesperson for the Rotary Pancake Day for over forty years; this year, he is being honored at the Annual Columbia Rotary Golf Tournament; and

WHEREAS, J.K. Langsdon evinces his great faith as a member of the Graymere Church of Christ, which he has served as a fifth and sixth grade Sunday School teacher and as the teacher of the Wednesday night singing class; and

WHEREAS, his numerous accomplishments aside, he is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of over 48 years, Bonnie; their sons, Johnny, Jimmy, and Joe; their daughters, Valerie and Rosemarie; and eleven blessed grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Langsdon's remarkable success as a public servant and civic and business leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, he is the very ideal of a consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, J.K. Langsdon, Jr. is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State", and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend John Kinnard "J.K." Langsdon, Jr. for many years of selfless and devoted service to the people of Tennessee, congratulate him upon being named 2003 Honoree of the Annual Columbia Rotary Golf Tournament, and wish him all the best.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.